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WELCOME
TO HELL.

HMMM.

WHAT IS
IT, RAVEN?

TENSION.
THE SITUATION
WITH OLIVIA IS
CLEARLY CAUSING
MORE VOLATILITY
FOR **NERON** THAN
WE SUSPECTED.

THE ENTIRE
NETHER REALM
FEELS ON EDGE.

BEFORE WE GO
FURTHER, I'M GOING
TO PARTIALLY BLIND
YOU. JUST WALK--
I WILL BE THE ONLY
THING YOU CAN SEE
FOR NOW.

WHY ARE
WE GETTING
**PSYCHIC
BLINKERS?**

BECAUSE THIS PLACE
IS FULL OF **SUFFERING**.
YOU ARE **HEROES**, AND
YOU WILL WANT
TO **HELP**.

YOU
CAN'T HELP
ANYONE
HERE.

Meanwhile...

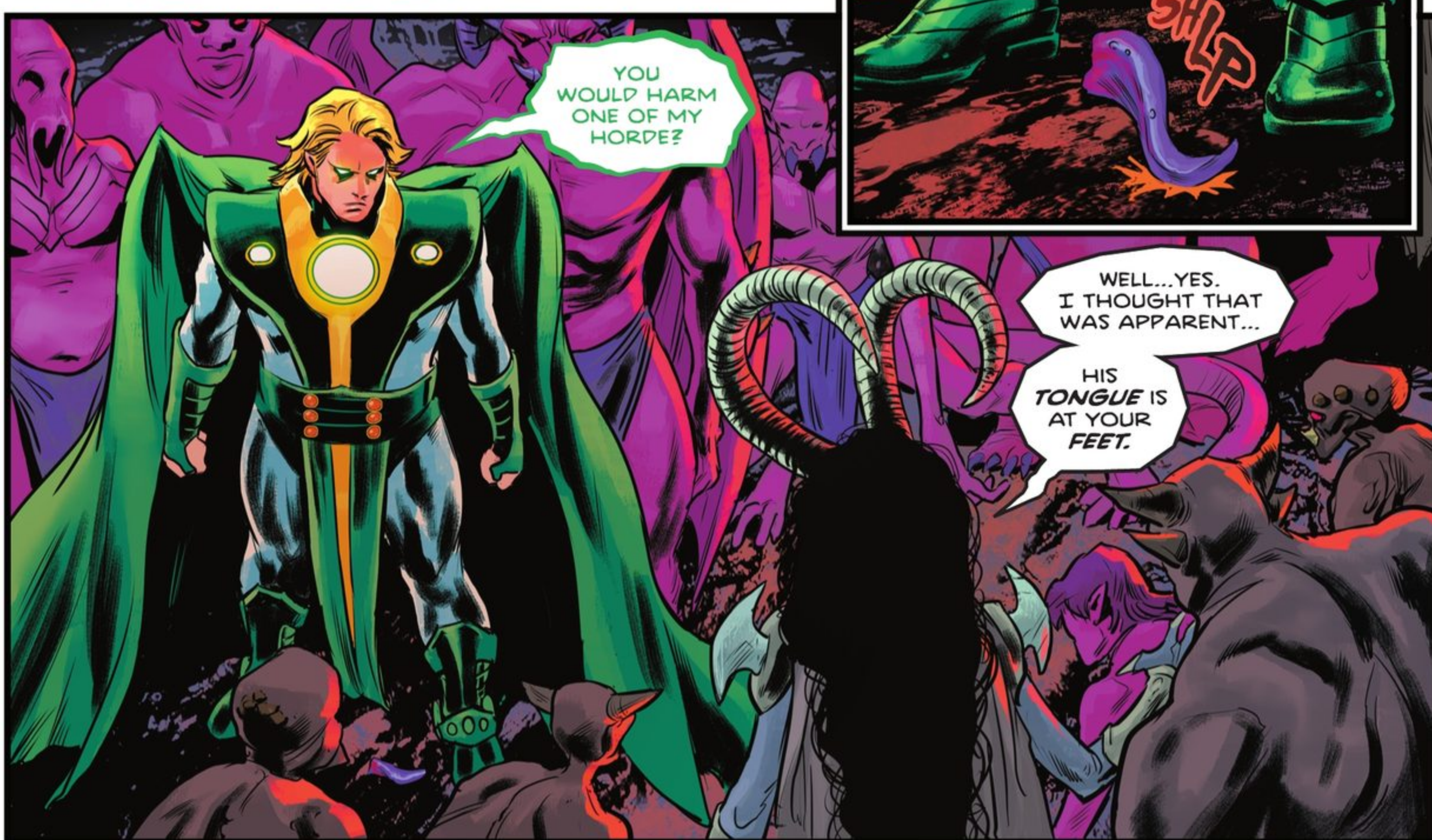
NERON.

BLAZE.

I HEARD
YOU'RE BEING
BEATEN BY A
NINE-YEAR-OLD
GIRL?

AND *WHERE*
DID YOU HEAR
THIS?

SOME OF
YOUR DEMONS
HAVE LOOSE
TONGUES.





"WE
MUST
FIND
HER."

WELCOME
TO THEMYSKIRA,
OLIVIA.



DON'T *OTHER*
PEOPLE NEED
YOU?

I DON'T
NEED *ALL*
OF YOU TO
PROTECT
ME.



OH, WE'RE NOT ALL
HERE FOR YOUR
PROTECTION.

HUH?



CONSIDERING
WHERE YOU'VE
COME FROM AND
WHAT YOUR *FATHER*
THREW YOU INTO,
YOU SHOULD KNOW
HOW TO *PROTECT*
YOURSELF.*

BATGIRL IS ONE
OF THE GREATEST
HAND-TO-HAND
FIGHTERS ON THE
PLANET.

STARFIRE
IS THE
GREATEST
WARRIOR OF
ANOTHER
PLANET.

AND *DONNA*
TROY IS
FREAKING
DONNA
TROY.



*BLOCKBUSTER
SOLD HER SOUL
TO THE DEVIL--
SEE *NIGHTWING*
#98! --JESS

NIGHTWING TELLS
ME YOU'RE VERY
STRONG.

WANT
TO LEARN
HOW TO
FIGHT?



YES,
PLEASE.

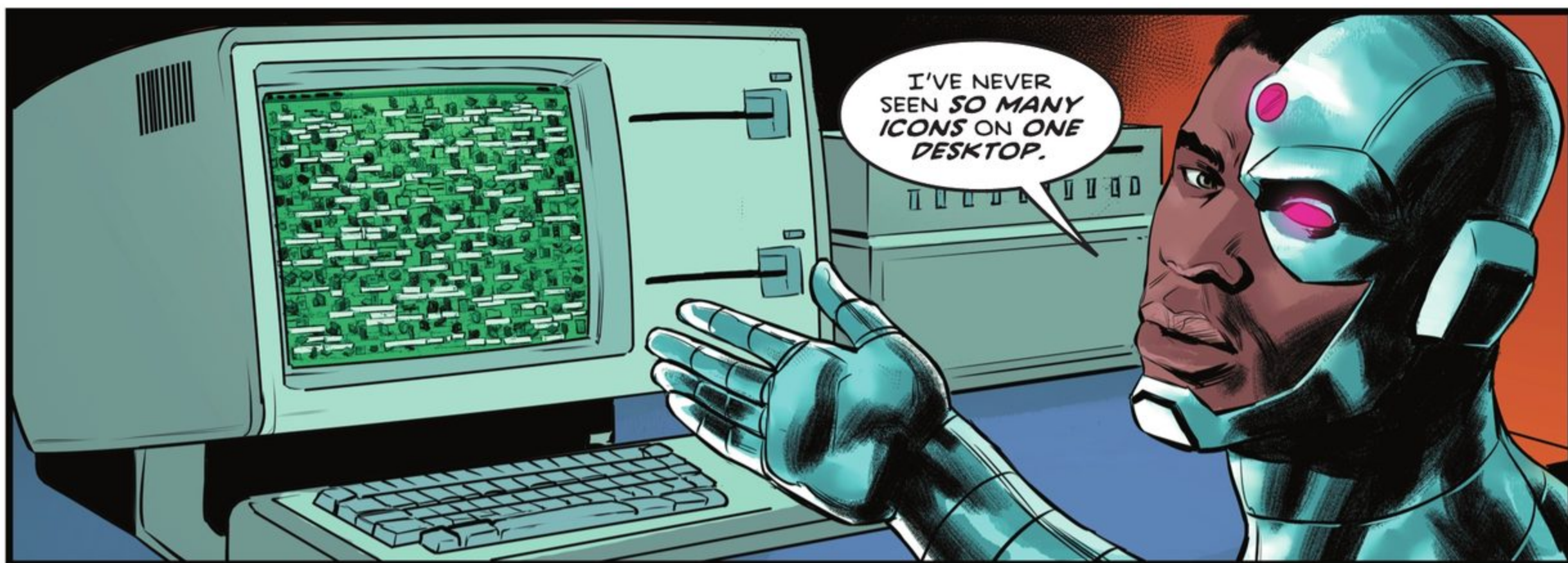


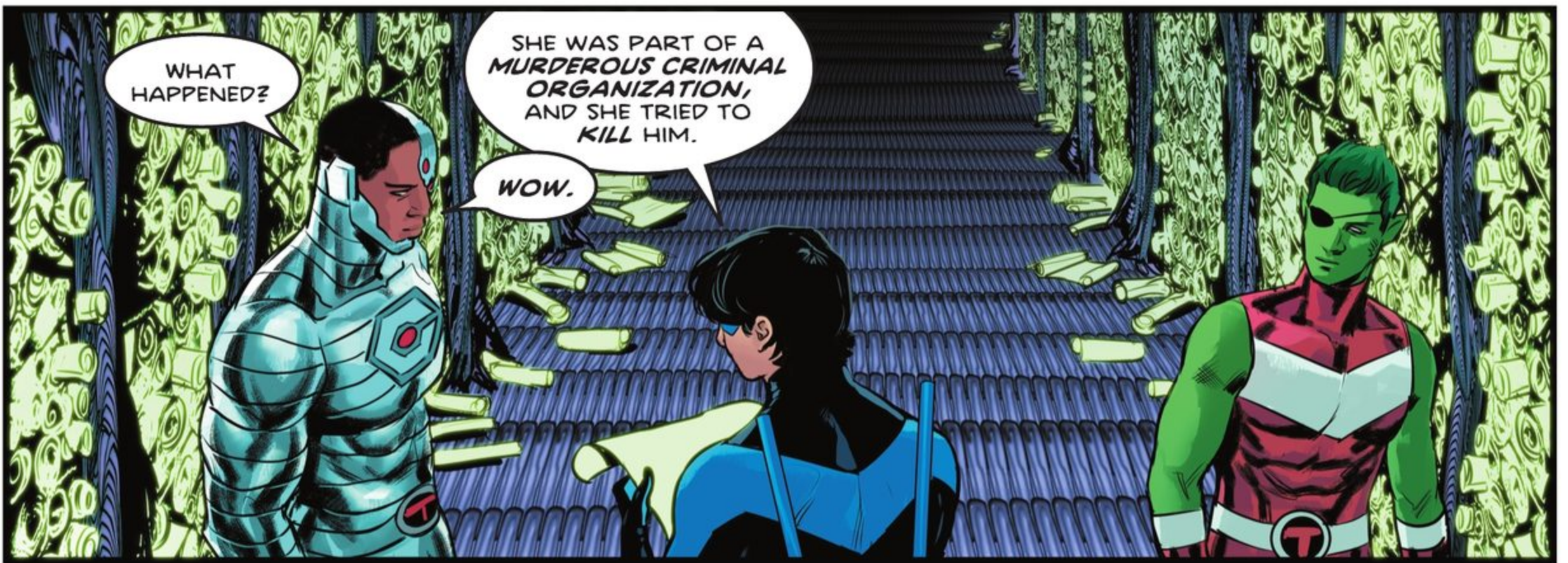
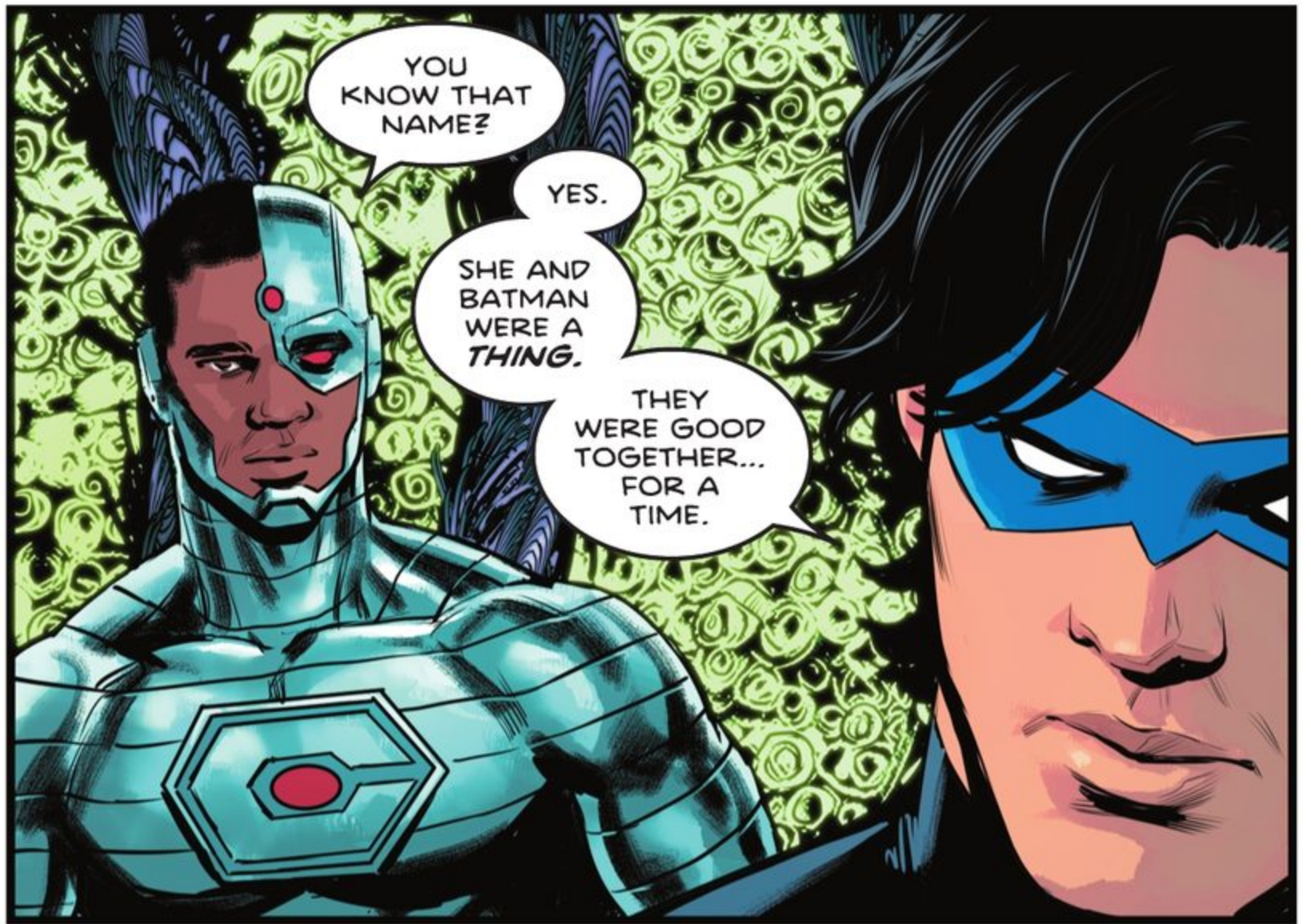
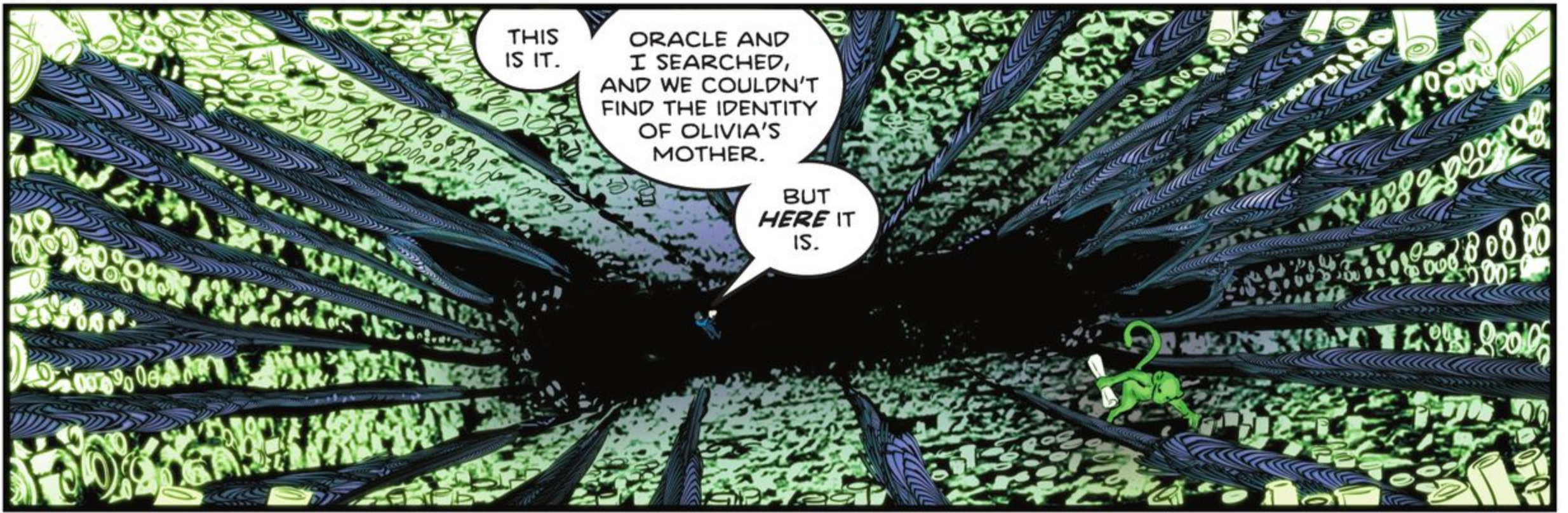














"IT'S TIME TO GO
BACK TO EARTH."

HOW ARE
WE LOOKING,
FLASH?

THERE HAVE
BEEN EXACTLY ZERO
PRISON BREAK
ATTEMPTS.

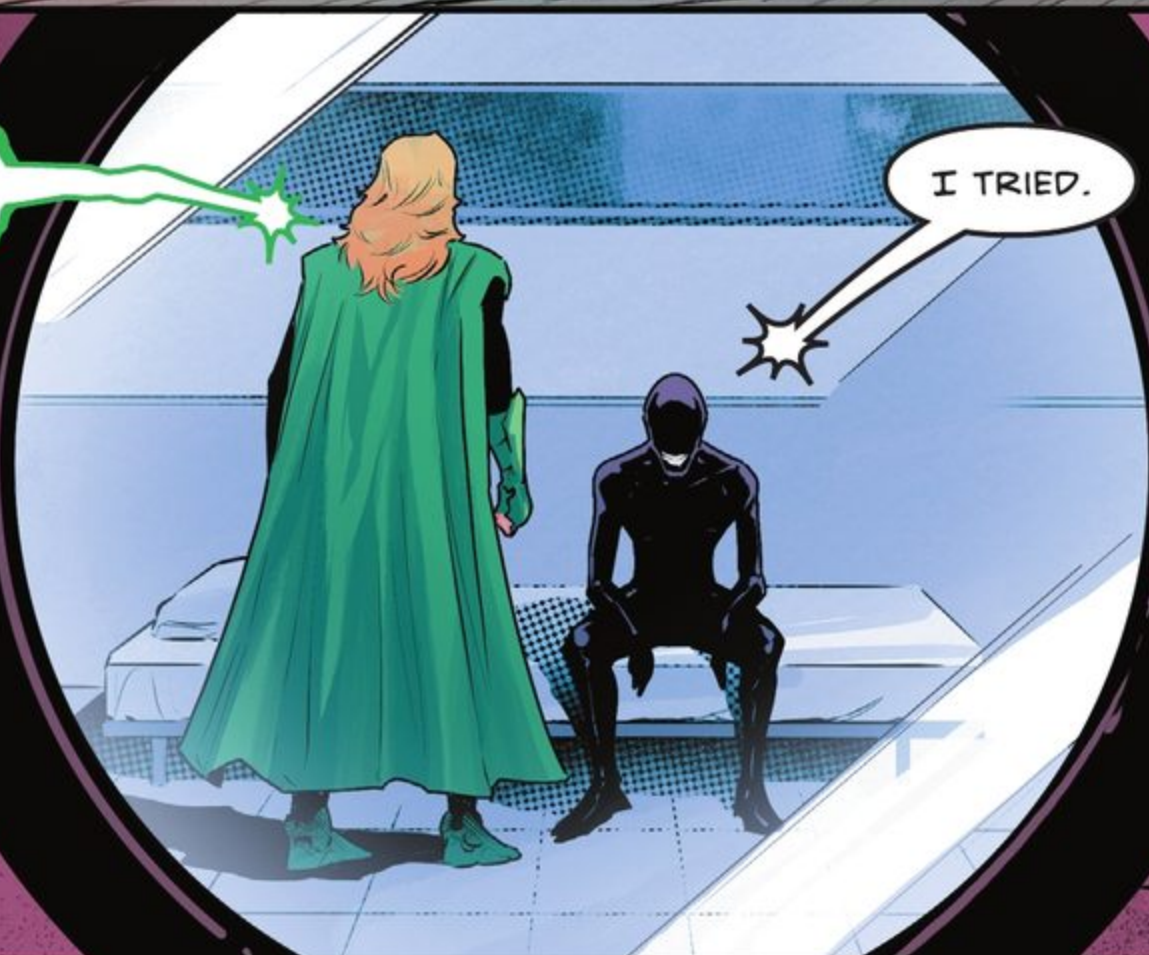


Iron Heights prison for the super-powered.

"I DON'T THINK THE
GRINNING MAN IS
GOING ANYWHERE."

YOU
FAILED.

I TRIED.



DO THE TITANS KNOW OF
MY DIRECT INVOLVEMENT,
GRINNING MAN?

LOOK, NERON, THERE
WAS THIS MAGICAL
ROPE--

DO THEY
KNOW?



YEAH.
THEY
KNOW.

THEN THERE
IS NO LONGER
A REASON
TO HOLD BACK.

WHERE IS
THE GIRL?

THEMYSCIRA.

THEN THERE
IS STILL A
REASON
TO HOLD
BACK.

I CANNOT SEND DEMONS TO ATTACK
THE AMAZONS. POLITICALLY, THAT
WOULD BE A NIGHTMARE.

BUT YOU ARE NOT
THE ONLY USEFUL PERSON
WHO HAS BARGAINED WITH
ME HERE ON EARTH.



Themyscira.
The next day.

KEEP
YOUR
GUARD UP,
OLIVIA.



AND
REMEMBER
TO KEEP
MOVING.



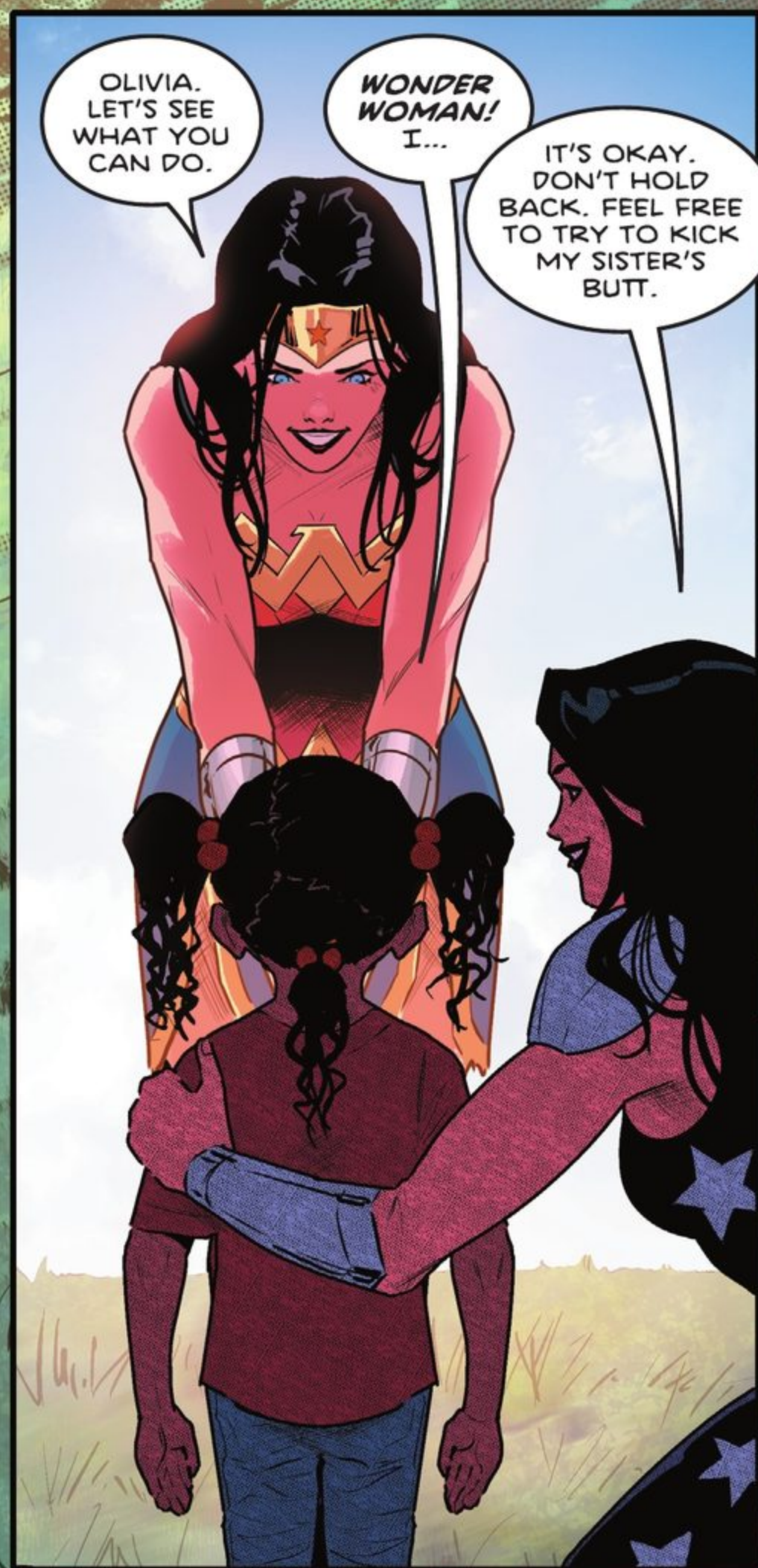
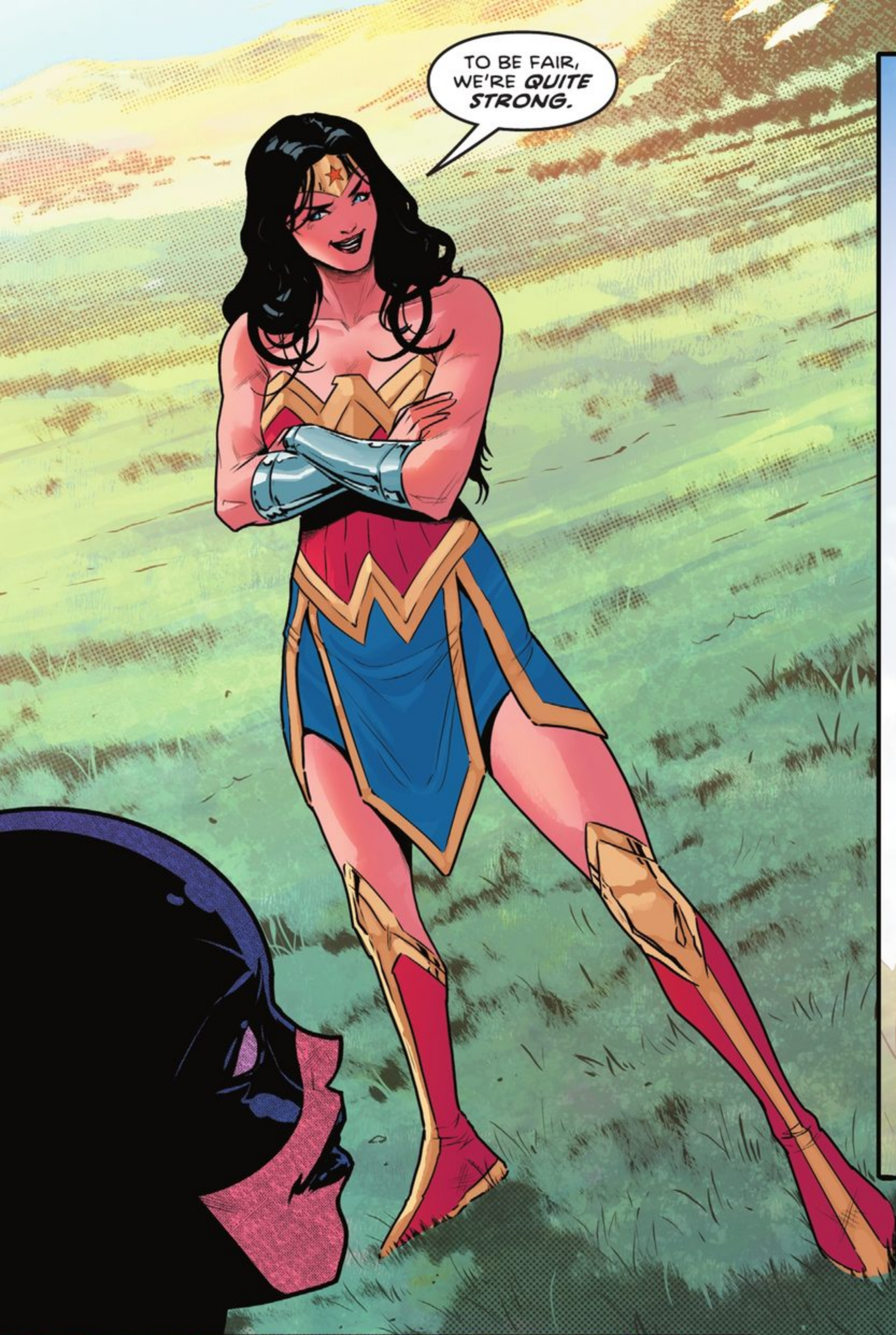
DON'T
TRY TO HIT
WHEN YOU CAN
**DODGE AND
COUNTER-
HIT.**



AMAZONS TEND TO
HAVE AN OVERRELIANCE ON
THEIR **STRENGTH--**

OH, *DO*
WE?







DIANA!

WHAT ARE
YOU---?

ARF! ARF!
ARF!

HNNNG.

PSYCHIC
ATTACK!



THE
ISLAND! WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

I'D SAY
THE ISLAND IS
MADE UP OF
QUITE A BIT
OF IRON.



AND THAT
MEANS A FUN TIME
FOR *DOCTOR
POLARIS*.

ROO
AA
ARGHH!

Blüdhaven
Town Hall.







NIGHTWING. IF YOU LET THIS GO, WE MAY BE ABLE TO COME TO AN **ARRANGEMENT**.

A DEAL WITH A DEVIL? **THAT'S** NEVER ENDED BADLY.



YOU MUST HAVE SO MANY FEELINGS OF INADEQUACY AROUND YOUR FELLOW HEROES.

YOU MUST STRUGGLE, AS A **MORTAL** MAN, TO KEEP UP WITH ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WITH AMAZING **POWERS**.



I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT FOR **HUMANITY**.

HOW MUCH COULD YOU ACHIEVE IF I CONNECTED YOU TO THE **SPEED FORCE**?

HOW MUCH GOOD COULD YOU DO WITH THE STRENGTH OF A **KRYPTONIAN**?



LET ME GIVE YOU A TASTE.



THE POWER
TO CHANGE
THE WORLD.

NEXT: THE TEMPTATION
OF SUPERWING



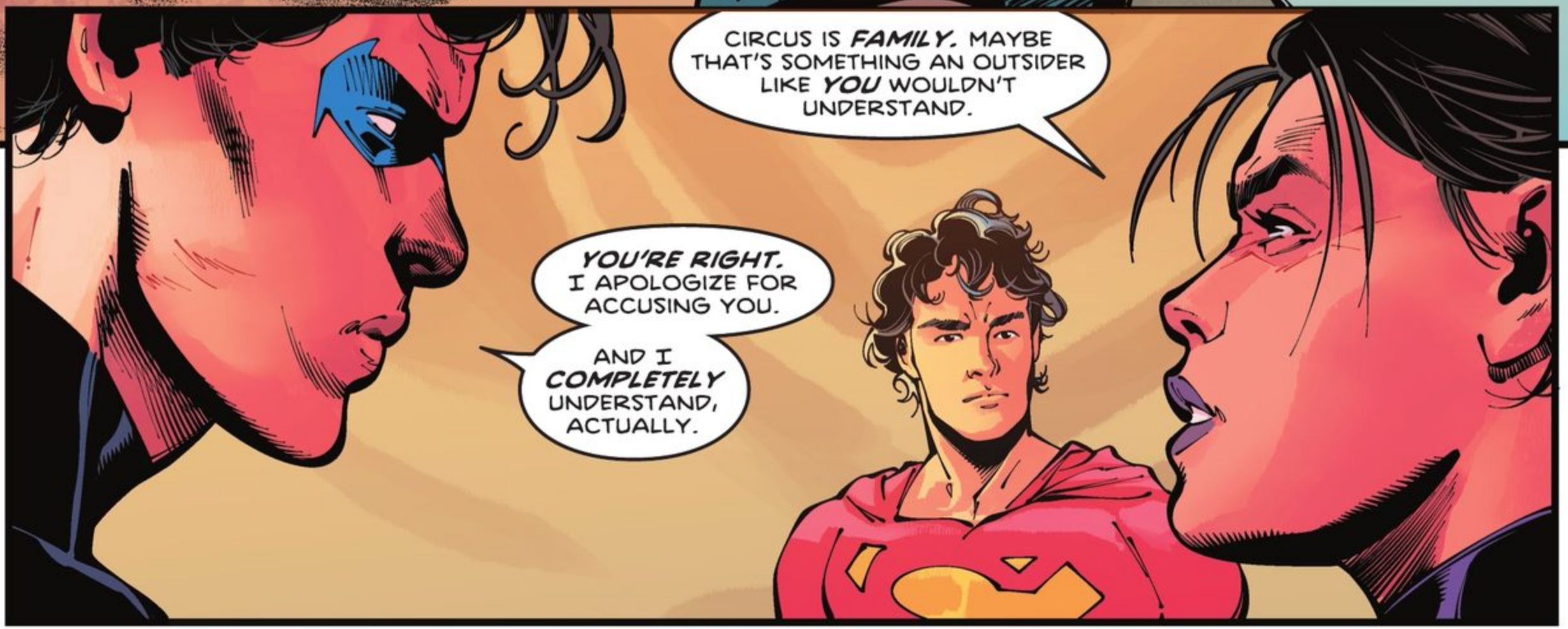
HOW DARE YOU ACCUSE *ME* OF CUTTING MY *OWN* ROPE.

TRAPEZE REQUIRES A *SACRED TRUST*. YOU HAVE TO JUMP AND BELIEVE YOUR PARTNER WILL CATCH YOU.

I'D *NEVER* BETRAY THAT TRUST, WITH *ANYONE*.

NIGHTWING & SUPERMAN in:
NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS PART 3

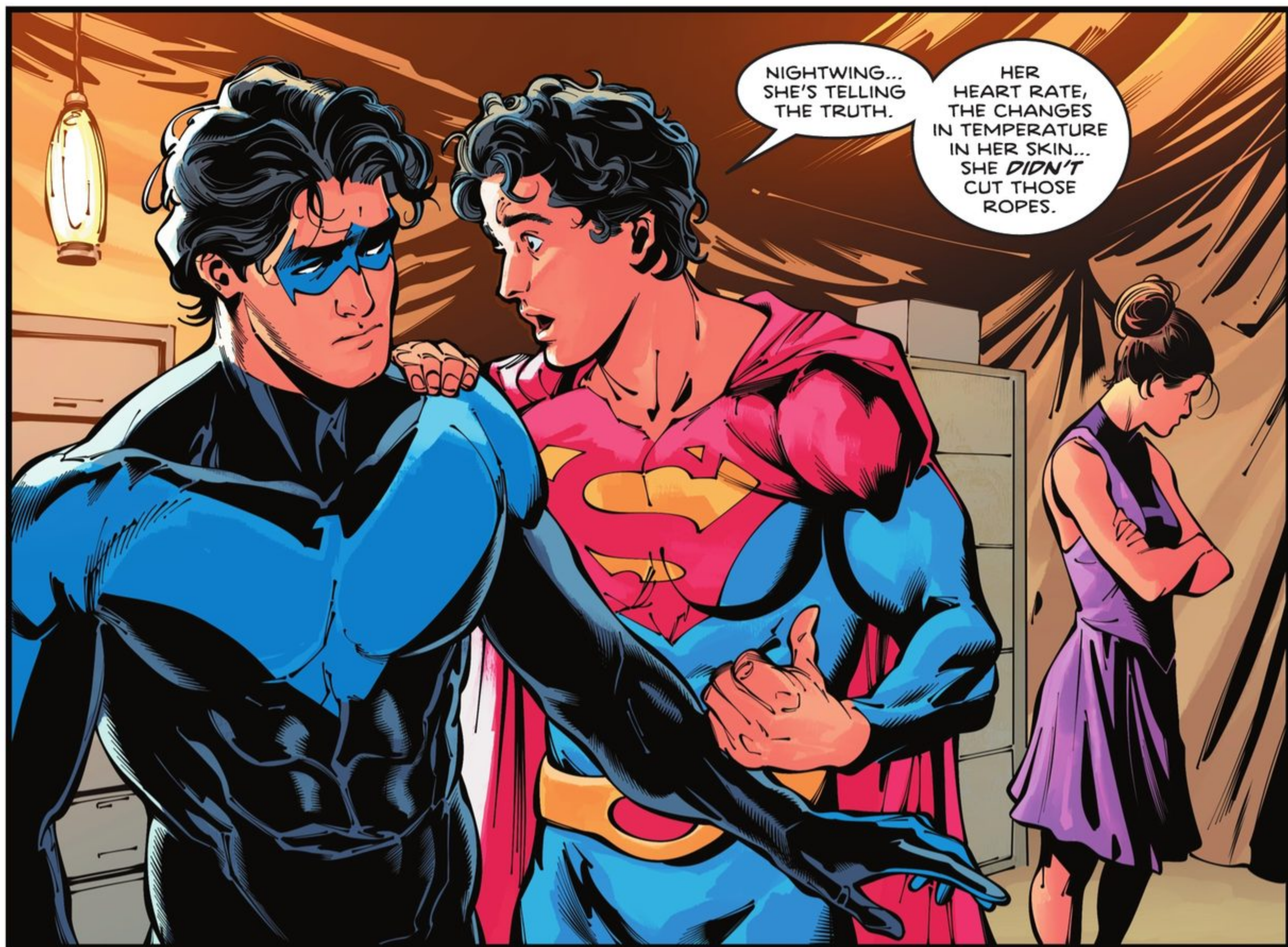
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CIRCUS IS *FAMILY*. MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING AN OUTSIDER LIKE *YOU* WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I APOLOGIZE FOR ACCUSING YOU.

AND I *COMPLETELY* UNDERSTAND, ACTUALLY.



NIGHTWING...
SHE'S TELLING
THE TRUTH.

HER
HEART RATE,
THE CHANGES
IN TEMPERATURE
IN HER SKIN...
SHE *DIDN'T*
CUT THOSE
ROPES.



I *KNOW*
SHE'S TELLING THE
TRUTH, SUPERMAN.
I WAS ACTUALLY
COUNTING ON *YOU*
TO DETECT IF SHE
WAS LYING.

AND I COULD
TELL BY LOOKING AT
YOUR FACE THAT YOU
DEDUCED THAT SHE
WASN'T LYING.



YOU SAW THE SURVEILLANCE
FOOTAGE. ONLY THE TRAPEZE
ARTIST HAD ACCESS
TO THE ROPES.

SHE
WASN'T THE
ONLY TRAPEZE
ARTIST IN THAT
ACT.

WHICH
MEANS WE
KNOW *WHO*
DID IT.

WE ALL HAVE
PARTS OF US...

...WE DON'T WANT TO SEE.

YOU KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE, RIGHT...?

...SOMETHING TERRIBLE COULD'VE HAPPENED TODAY. SOMEONE COULD'VE DIED.

I'M SORRY. I'M SO SORRY. THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A NET.

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! I NEVER MEANT TO HURT MY MOM!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I DIDN'T MEAN TO CUT HER ROPE.

I MEANT TO CUT MINE!

I WAS SO SCARED. MOM WAS FALLING AND I COULDN'T STOP IT.

BUT WHY WOULD YOU CUT YOUR OWN ROPE?

YOU COULD'VE DIED IF SUPERMAN HADN'T BEEN THERE TO CATCH YOU.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, NIGHTWING...

"...THE KIDS AT SCHOOL DON'T WANT TO PLAY WITH ME BECAUSE THEY THINK I'M A CIRCUS FREAK.

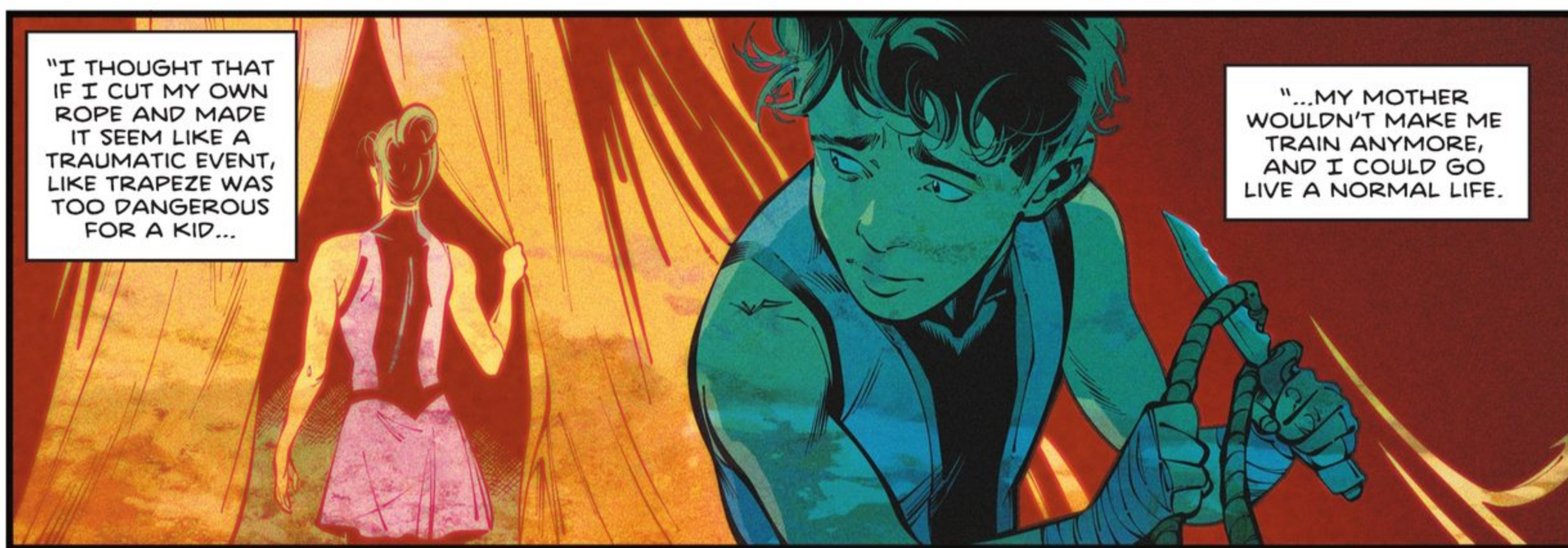
"BEING IN THE CIRCUS REQUIRES A LOT OF TRAINING, AND ALL I WANT IS A NORMAL LIFE...

"...I WANT TO BE A NORMAL KID."



"I WANT TO GET *INVITED* TO BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND HAVE *FRIENDS*. BUT MY MOM SAYS I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR ANY OF THAT.

"MY TRAINING IS *TOO* IMPORTANT.



"I THOUGHT THAT IF I CUT MY OWN ROPE AND MADE IT SEEM LIKE A TRAUMATIC EVENT, LIKE TRAPEZE WAS TOO DANGEROUS FOR A KID...

"...MY MOTHER WOULDN'T MAKE ME TRAIN ANYMORE, AND I COULD GO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.



"IT WAS AN *ACCIDENT*. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE *MY* ROPE. BUT IT WAS TOO LATE."



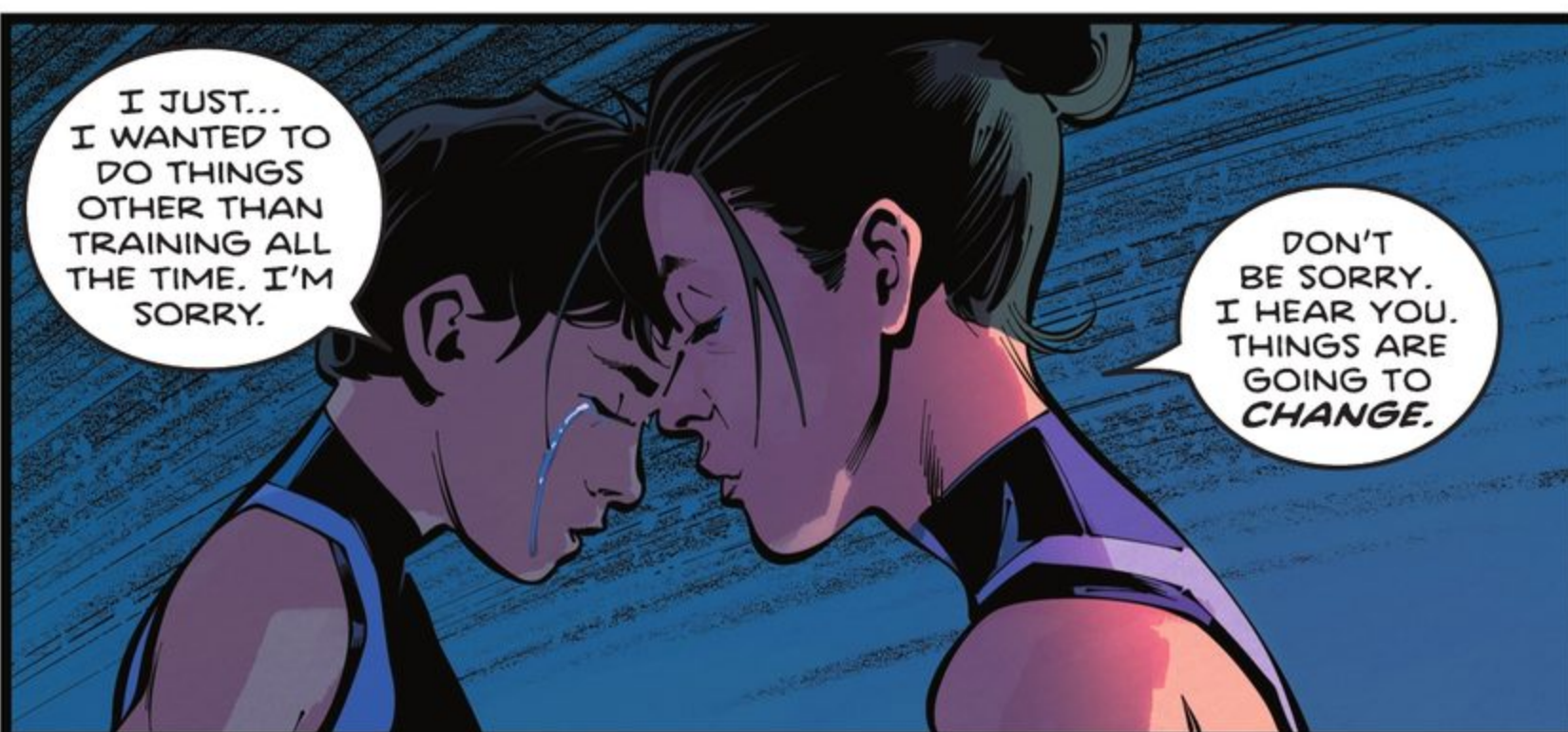
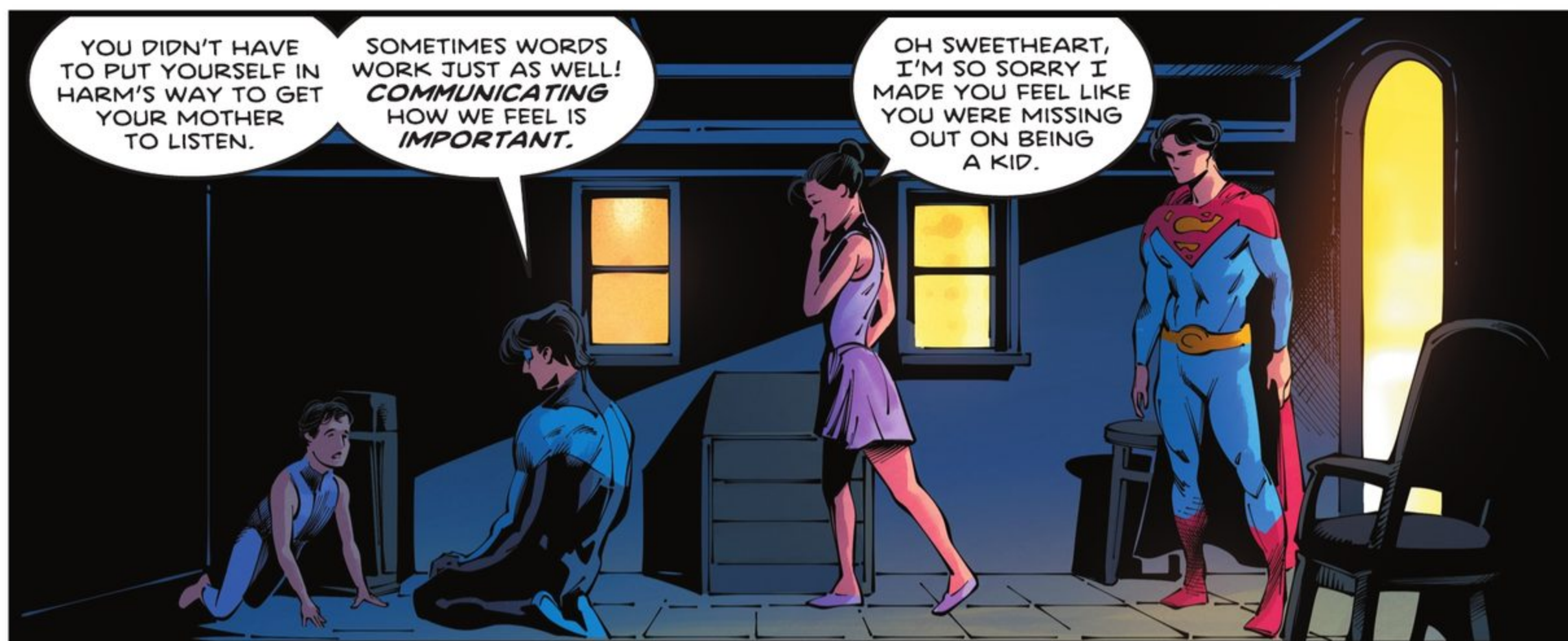
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT ANYONE.



I KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BE CALLED AND LOOKED AT AS A FREAK.

BUT YOU'LL LEARN THAT BEING *DIFFERENT* MAKES YOU *SPECIAL*.

SUPERHEROES ARE DIFFERENT, AND *THAT'S* WHAT MAKES US *WHO WE ARE*.









SO
WHAT'S NEXT,
DETECTIVE?

I THOUGHT
THIS WAS A TRAP
TO LURE US TO THE
CIRCUS, BUT IT
WASN'T.

THE ACCIDENT,
THE EXPLOSION...

...LOIS WAS
RIGHT. YOU HAVE
TO LOOK FOR
THE *STORY*...

...NOT
PROJECT
YOUR
OWN.

THAT KID
MIGHT HAVE
CUT THE ROPES,
BUT HE SURE DIDN'T
*PLANT THAT
BOMB.*

WE NEED TO
TAKE ANOTHER
LOOK AT THAT
SURVEILLANCE
FOOTAGE.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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JANUARY

- ❑ ACTION COMICS #1051

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- ❑ SUPERMAN #1

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- ❑ ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN: JON KENT #1
- ❑ UNSTOPPABLE DOOM PATROL #1
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- ❑ SUPERBOY: THE MAN OF TOMORROW #1

MAY

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JULY

- ❑ TALES OF THE TITANS #1
- ❑ HAWKGIRL #1

AUGUST

- ❑ THE PENGUIN #1

LOOK FOR MORE TITLES TO BE
REVEALED THROUGHOUT 2023!

HOW CAN YOU SAVE A WORLD
THAT WON'T SAVE ITSELF?

SUPERMAN *Space Age*

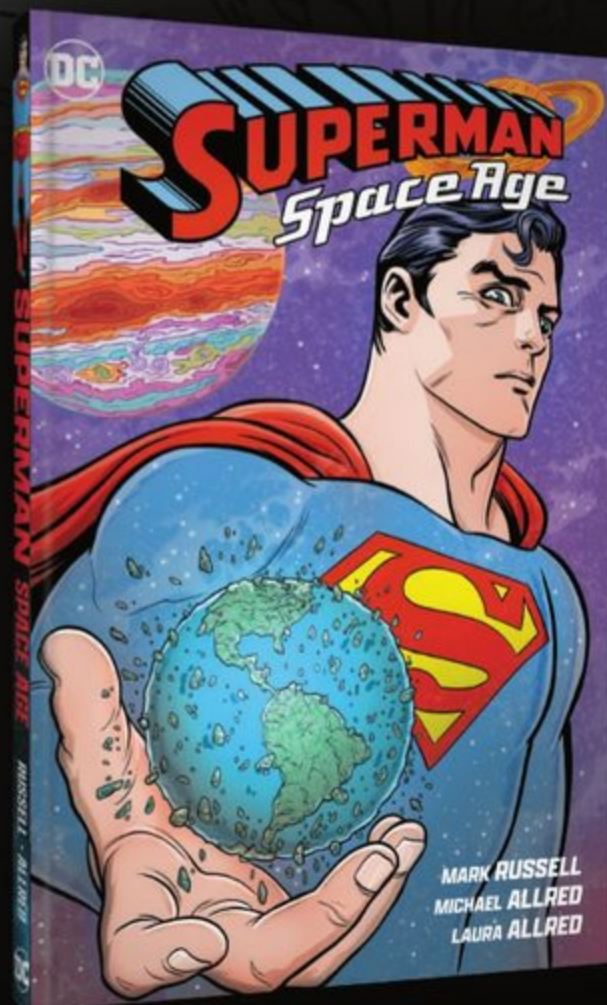
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SPOTLIGHT ON

GREEN ARROW

INTERVIEW WITH JOSHUA WILLIAMSON

The Emerald Archer joins the Dawn of DC era in April with a new six-issue series from writer Joshua Williamson and artist Sean Izaakse...only thing is, Oliver Queen is missing somewhere in the DC Universe, and it'll take his whole family to find him!

IS *GREEN ARROW* A SERIES YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO WRITE?

Green Arrow has been one of my favorite characters since I was a kid. When I started to write comics, I had a story I wanted to tell with Oliver Queen. I'd try to get him into the books I was writing and it would never work out, but after *Dark Crisis* the timing finally came together. I can tell the story and finally give the Green Arrow family the reunion it deserves.



WHAT HAS THE DC UNIVERSE MISSED WITHOUT OLIVER QUEEN?

Attitude. He's that cocky, daring Robin Hood who brought truth to power in a way only he could do. It's also so much more than that. The DC Universe has been missing the Green Arrow family. His cast of characters that were built over years have been separated...and one of our goals is to bring them back.



WHAT ROLE DOES OLIVER QUEEN'S FAMILY—BLACK CANARY, CONNOR HAWKE, AND ROY HARPER—PLAY IN THE SERIES?

His whole family is on the search for Ollie. That's a major piece of the story in the beginning, but something else comes up that alerts them to a very big problem in the DCU. It unlocks a mystery that's been brewing within the Dawn of DC world.

WHAT DOES ARTIST SEAN IZAAKSE BRING TO THIS SERIES?

Passion and talent. I feel incredibly lucky to be partnered with someone who loves Green Arrow and his family as much as I do. He also knows the mythology and uses that to elevate the art.



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TRICK ARROW FROM OLIVER'S ARSENAL?

The boxing-glove arrow will always have a special place in my heart. But in #1 we introduce a new arrow that is now my favorite.

HAVE YOU EVER DONE ARCHERY—AND IF SO, IS IT AS EASY AS GREEN ARROW MAKES IT LOOK?

I have tried and wasn't very good at it. But...I've never been stranded on an island where I had no choice but to learn.

However, Sean is an archer and actually has his own equipment. Sean brought that knowledge to the series.



**DON'T MISS *GREEN ARROW* #1,
ON SALE IN APRIL!**

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